

AMERICAN CONSUL SAYS CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Report is Most Reliable
Information From
Port Arthur.

OTHERS VARY WIDELY

Japanese Have Apparently Be-
gun Attack on Kuropat-
kin's Left.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Consul General F. J. C. cabled the state de-
partment from Chefoo that the situa-
tion at Port Arthur is extremely crit-
ical, the outer forts having fallen into
the possession of the Japanese.

Indicates Attack.
London, Nov. 18.—The Daily Tele-
graph correspondent at Tientsin says
the Japanese have suddenly advanced,
and that they are 12 miles from Muk-
den, where the sound of machine guns
and rifles can be heard. This indicates
an attack by Kuroki on the Russian
left.

Rastoropy Incident Unexplained.
London, Nov. 18.—It is still impos-
sible to shed light on the real reason for
the Russians sacrificing the destroyer
Rastoropy at Chefoo. The idea that
the destroyer was thrown away for the
mere purpose of conveying a batch of
colorless dispatches, since issued at
St. Petersburg, is regarded here as be-
ing absurd.

The message of Mr. Fowler, the
American consul at Chefoo, tends to
confirm the belief in many quarters
that the Rastoropy's mission was
significant of the end of Port Arthur.

It is reported, but without confir-
mation, that the destroyer took to Chefoo
a number of naval officers, whose ser-
vices are likely to be more valuable
to the Baltic fleet than to the defense
of the fortress.

Have 60,000 Reinforcements.
London, Nov. 18.—That the Russian
and Japanese armies in Manchuria are
about to begin another great battle is
indicated by dispatches from the front
showing that reinforcements of 60,000
men are being hurried to Field Mar-
shal Oyama and that the islanders are
threatening Kuropatkin's right flank.
A turning movement in force evidently
is the purpose of the Japanese.

Alexeff May Get High Post.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—Admiral
Alexeff is not to be relegated into a
position of obscurity, but is being
brought forward in very high quarters
as a candidate for the position of
grand admiral of the fleet, at present
held by the Grand Duke Alexis, who
is in turn destined for the place of the
Grand Duke Michael, as president of
the imperial council.

Blow Up Another Arsenal.
Tokio, Nov. 18.—A telegram from
Moscow reports the destruction of another
Russian arsenal and magazine at Port
Arthur. The Japanese discovered its
location and centered their artillery
fire upon it. The Japanese are widen-
ing their caps and are using them to
move their guns forward. The Rus-
sians continue their spirited sorties,
using hand grenades in their attacks
upon the saps.

Repulsed Again.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—Gen. Sak-
haroff telegraphs today that during the
night the Japanese attacked the Rus-
sian position in front of Poutloff hill
but were repulsed.

Is Off Denmark.
Fakkeberg, Denmark, Nov. 18.—The
second division of the Russian Baltic
squadron has arrived here.

COUPLE DEAD IN A BUGGY
Ghastly Find at Detroit Indicates Mur-
der and Suicide.

Detroit, Nov. 18.—The bodies of
Henry Hillebrand, of this city, and a
woman with bullet holes through their
heads were found in a buggy in Wyand-
otte early today. It is thought to be
a case of murder and suicide.

The woman's name was Mrs. W. J.
Miller, of Detroit. Whether Hillebrand
or the woman fired the shots is un-
known. She had been married only a
year and a half. Her husband says he
believe her refusal to elope with Hille-
brand caused him to shoot her and
commit suicide.

LOWERS WORLD'S RECORD

Famous Pacer Goes Mile on Half Mile
Track in 2:03.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 18.—Dan
Patch lowered the world's record for
pacing a mile on a half mile track, the
official time being 2:03 flat. The pre-
vious record held by Dan Patch him-
self, made at Birmingham, Ala., last
year, being 2:03 1/4.

M'KINLEY FUND FOR MONUMENT NOW COMPLETE

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The announce-
ment was made today of the comple-
tion of a fund of \$600,000 for the erec-
tion of a national monument to the
late President McKinley.

AGITATORS MENACE THE PEACE OF ITALY

Stern Measures Necessary to Prevent
Attacks on Austrians Over
Innsbruck Affair.

Rome, Nov. 18.—Meetings and dem-
onstrations are taking place in many
Italian cities to protest against the
Innsbruck incident. The police have
taken extraordinary precautions to
maintain order and prevent manifesta-
tions against the Austrian embassy.

Police in several towns have arrest-
ed socialist agitators who have been
trying to distribute among the soldiers
leaflets entitled "To Conscription" in-
citing them to rebellion. Most energetic
action is being taken by the war office.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt
today in central Italy. No damage.

PANAMA GENERAL GIVES UP COMMAND

President Amador Puts Another in
His Place and Will Keep
Army Together.

Panama, Nov. 18.—Gen. Huertas, the
war minister, resigned this morning.
President Amador accepted his resig-
nation. The army will not be disband-
ed just now. Gen. Yuanalla, secretary
of the war office, has been appointed
to supreme command of the troops.

Everything is quiet and the censorship
on telegraphic messages has been sus-
pended.

DR. FAIRCHILD, OF OHIO, DEAD

Held Many Places of Honor—A Found-
er of Republican Party.
Oberlin, Ohio, Nov. 18.—Dr. E. B.
Fairchild, second chancellor of the
University of Nebraska, ex-president
of several colleges, consul at Lyons,
France under President Harrison, a
cousin of Stonewall Jackson, a close
friend of Wendell Phillips and Henry
Ward Beecher, and one of the found-
ers of the republican party is dead
here.

IMPLEMENT MAKERS ELECT

National Association Ends Session at
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 18.—The
national Association of Implement and
Vehicle Manufacturers today elected
officers headed by W. W. Collier, of
Detroit, president. Among the vice
presidents are S. E. King, of Ottawa,
Ill.; J. M. Studebaker, of South Bend,
Ind.; W. F. Bosworth, of Janesville,
Wis.; B. T. Skinner, of Battle Creek,
Mich., and Joseph Dain, of Ottumwa,
Iowa.

MAKES NO PUBLIC APPEARANCES
Mrs. Maybrick Denies Story That She
Will Go on the Lecture Platform.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Mrs. May-
brick emphatically contradicted the
story that she intended making a pub-
lic appearance either on the stage or
lecture platform.

Drops Dead in Waldorf-Astoria.
New York, Nov. 18.—Thomas A.
Moran of Chicago dropped dead early
today in the Waldorf-Astoria.

SECRETARY OF HORSE SHOW TRAMPLED IN VIEW OF NEW YORK SOCIETY

New York, Nov. 18.—Spectators
were thrown into intense excitement
last night at the horse show when John
G. Heckscher, secretary of the Nation-
al Horse Show association was run
down and trampled on by a pair of
horses on exhibition in the ring. Wom-
en screamed and men crowded toward
the ring. Before the excitement passed
several women fainted. Many be-
lieved Heckscher had been killed as
half unconscious he was dragged from
under the hoofs of the horses.

In judging the pairs of horses Heck-
scher attempted to cross in front of
the team driven by Mrs. Edward R.
Ladew, of Glenview. Mrs. Ladew had

EXPLODING GAS TANKS SPREAD RUIN AND DEATH AT BIG CHICAGO PLANT

Twenty-two Blow Up in Succession Wrecking Buildings and Burying a Score
of Workmen—Five Bodies Taken Out—Desperate
Work for Firemen.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Twenty-two gas
tanks in the big railroad gas charging
station at Seventy-third street and
South Chicago avenue exploded today.
Five employees were killed, and a score
injured, two seriously.

USED IN RAILROAD CARS.
The tanks were of the style used
in railroad cars for lighting purposes.
Fire spread among the property of the
People's Gas Light & Coke company,
and threatened to reach the large stor-
age tanks of that company.

Police were sent about for a
mile's radius warning persons to move
from their homes.

OPENED TANKS.
To prevent the explosion of gas in
the mammoth tanks, by Superintendent
Wells' order they were tapped and
opened and soon the tanks were dis-
charging gas into the air.

This was a dangerous undertaking

but prevented a larger destruction of
property.
The cause of the explosion was un-
known but it is thought it was the
result of a search for leaks by em-
ployees.

Surrounded by Police.
As soon as possible the police com-
pletely surrounded the property but
kept at a distance which insured safe-
ty.

Firemen for the time were forced to
throw water on the fire from a block's
distance, momentarily expecting to be
hurled to death by the explosion of the
big tanks.

Flames were shooting hundreds of
feet in the air accompanied by clouds
of black smoke from the burning gas.
Great masses of bricks and iron from
the bursting tanks were thrown into
the air by the explosions.

Buildings Ruined.
The buildings along Greenwood ave-
nue within a block of the place were

so severely shaken they will no longer
be fit for occupancy. A two-story build-
ing at Seventy-third street and Glen-
wood avenue, was completely wrecked.
The property occupied for gas man-
ufacturing is several blocks in length.
About a hundred men are employed in
the district.

Story of Injured Man.
One of the victims was blown
through a wall and a hundred feet
away from the building in which he
was at work. He was fearfully crush-
ed but may live. He said:

"I was working about one of the gas
tanks when the first explosion occur-
ed. I believe one of the tanks in the
row east of us blew up. The ground
trembled and seemed to heave upward
when suddenly there was a rip and a
road and I don't remember what oc-
curred after that until I came to in
the street a hundred feet away. I
know there were 40 men in the place,
I don't believe many of them escaped."

A REPUBLICAN POINT SCORED

Supreme Court of Colorado De-
cides Matter Affecting Elec-
tion Contests.

INCREASES DISQUIET IN STATE

Trade and Industry at Standstill as
Result of Growing Uncer-
tainty.

Denver, Col., Nov. 18.—The supreme
court yesterday reaffirmed its decision
that it has the right to take jurisdic-
tion of the last election and hearing of
testimony in the cases of 27 election
officers who have been cited for con-
tempt was commenced.

The court further held that the elec-
tion commission, in making the Denver
count, cannot go behind the returns,
but must use the written count of the
election judges and not count the tal-
lies.

Republicans Won First Round.
The decisions are victories for the
republicans, as in both cases the mo-
tions of republican attorneys were sus-
tained. This decision tends to make
Colorado the center of a commercial
and financial unrest that sends its pul-
sations through every artery of the
capital, Denver, to Wall street, though
the citizens and politicians assert the
talk is all on the surface and means
nothing.

Peabody Gains in Count.
Anxiety in business and official cir-
cles is intensified by the uncertainty
as to who will fill the governor's chair.
It is generally believed that Alva Ad-
ams, elected on the face of the returns
by 10,000 votes, will be seated, but the
election contest started by the republi-
cans in the interest of Gov. Peabody,
is developing surprises. Peabody gained
1,000 votes yesterday on the count-
ing of the county precincts.

BISHOP WILSON IS PRESIDENT

Maryland Divine Chosen Head of the
American Anti-Saloon League.
Columbus, O., Nov. 18.—Bishop
Luther D. Wilson, of Maryland, was
today elected president of the Ameri-
can Anti-Saloon league which is in ses-
sion here.

Appointment for Parker.
New York, Nov. 18.—Former Judge
Alton B. Parker has been appointed a
member of two commissions to acquire
dock and wharfage rights for the city
on the East river. The appointment
was made by Justice O'Gorman in the
supreme court.

STEAMER BURNS OFF LONG ISLAND

Mohawk Carrying Merchandise Total
Loss—Crew Taken Off
Safely.

New York, Nov. 18.—The Central
Vermont Railway's steamer Mohawk
was burned off Horton's point, Long
Island, early today. The Mohawk's
crew, except the watchman, number-
ing 22, were taken off and were con-
veyed to Fall River, Mass. The Mo-
hawk had a cargo of general merchan-
dise and will be a total loss.

CHICAGO FURNITURE PLANTS ARE BESIEGED

Strike of Movers Extends to All Firms
in Manufacturers' Association—
Pickets Posted.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The strike of the
furniture wagon drivers which led to
street riots yesterday spread today to
other factories in the Furniture Manu-
facturers' association. Picket lines
were established by the strikers and
several factories were practically in a
state of siege guarding unionists warn-
ing away drivers of lumber and coal
wagons loaded with material and fuel
for the beleaguered plants.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The truck driv-
ers union, the largest local organiza-
tion of teamsters in the world, was
drawn into the strike of the furniture
wagon drivers today. Fifteen hundred
members were ordered to quit work be-
cause their employers had refused to
sign the wage agreement of the fur-
niture drivers. Seven more firms were
temporarily tied up by the action. A
trip made by wagons of the Johnston
Chair company caused a clash between
the police and strike sympathizers.
Stones were thrown. The police dis-
persed the rioters.

PLEASED WITH AMERICAN SYMPATHY FOR JAPAN

Prince Fushimi Expresses Gratitude
To American People in an
Interview.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Prince Fush-
imi and party left Washington today
for St. Louis. His imperial highness
stated he had been deeply impressed
with the good will and courteous at-
tention universally shown him by the
people of the United States. The gen-
uine sympathy for Japan entertained
by them in her present struggle is a
source of profound satisfaction.

\$67,931,430 TO TRANSPORT

Report Shows What We Pay for the
Carrying of Mails.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The annual
report of Second Assistant Postmaster
General Shallenberger shows the an-
nual annual rate of expenditure for
all inland mail transportation service
during the fiscal year was \$67,931,430.
To this is added \$2,516,053 for foreign
mails.

COL. BRECKENRIDGE TAKES TURN WORSE

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 18.—A tele-
phone message from Lexington says
the condition of Col. Breckenridge took
a sudden turn for the worse. The en-
tire family is at the bedside.

ROOSEVELT'S OPPORTUNITY GREAT ONE, SAYS BRYAN

A. F. OF L. DESIRES
TO HAVE THE JAP'S
KEPT OUT BY LAW

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—One of the
matters which created the greatest in-
terest among delegates to the Ameri-
can Federation of Labor today was
that of the exclusion of Mongolians
from the United States. There seems
to be an undercurrent of sentiment
that congress be memorialized to pass
an act similar to the Chinese exclu-
sion law which shall apply to the Japanese
and Koreans.

The delegates unanimously voted to
levy an assessment of one cent per
week for three weeks in aid to the Fall
River, Massachusetts textile strikers
and confer upon the executive council
authority to levy additional assessments
if deemed necessary. This will im-
mediately realize \$75,000 for the aid
of the strikers.

BLOOD FLOWS IN BLUE GRASS STATE

Owners of Large Tract of Land and a
Woman Shot by Squat-
ters.

Williamsburg, Ky., Nov. 18.—George
Curd and Emma Durham were killed
and Thomas Cud fatally wounded near
Cumberland Falls. The Cud brothers
owned a large tract of land and had
trouble with squatters. As they were
passing the cabin where the Durham
woman lived they were fired upon.
The woman was probably killed to
cover the identity of the assassins.

CALL ISSUED FOR RESERVE IN BANKS

Secretary Shaw Plans to Replenish
National Treasury About
\$25,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Secretary
Shaw has announced a call upon the
national banks holding government de-
posits to pay 25 per cent of their hold-
ings, 10 per cent to be paid on or be-
fore January 15, next and 15 per cent
on or before March 15. This, the sec-
retary estimates will bring into the
treasury about \$25,000,000.

"LAY OFF" TO SEE BULLFIGHT

Irrigation Congress Delegates at El
Paso Go Into Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 18.—Delegates
to the national irrigation congress ad-
journing their convention at noon yester-
day and went to Juarez, Mexico, to
witness a bullfight. Senator Newlands,
of Nevada, and William E. Smythe, of
California, have withdrawn as candi-
dates for president of the congress in
favor of Gov. George C. Pardee, of Cal-
ifornia, whose election today is believ-
ed to be assured. New Mexico, Texas
and Mexico delegates met in an effort
to settle a reclamation project for the
Rio Grande valley.

FIRE COVERS SEVEN MILES

Big Tract Devastated by Forest Blaze
North of Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 18.—The forest fire
raging in the bottoms seven miles
north of this city has now destroyed
seven square miles of territory. Hun-
dreds of farmers are fighting the
flames. A few farm buildings are de-
stroyed.

Decatur Hotel Damaged.

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 18.—Fire in the
Arcade department store and Decatur
hotel yesterday caused a loss of \$125,
000, nearly all covered by insurance.
The losses were: hotel building, \$40,
000; Arcade building, \$25,000; Decatur
hotel, \$20,000; Arcade store, \$30,000.

DEMOCRAT IS ELECTED TO SUPERVISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INAUGURATION

Washington, Nov. 18.—A democrat
has been chosen to supervise the ar-
rangements for the inauguration of
President Roosevelt. It is customary
to select a Washingtonian to act as
chairman of the inauguration com-
mittee, and Mr. Cortelyou has named
Charles C. Glover, president of the
Riggs National bank. By subscription
funds are raised to defray the expenses
incident to the inauguration cere-
monies, and the money is refunded out
of the proceeds from the sale of tickets
of admission to the inaugural ball. In
recent years the citizens have found it
merely a loan, as the ball has produced

Relieved of the Influence
Ambition Might
Wield.

MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH

Issues Call for New Democracy
in Current Number of
Commoner.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 18.—Declaring
Theodore Roosevelt something of a po-
litical accident, but insisting that the
president has an opportunity such as
comes to but few men in a generation,
W. J. Bryan devotes a page of the
forthcoming edition of the Commoner
to the result of the election and to a
discussion of what Mr. Bryan thinks
the executive should accomplish. He
begins by saying no candidate for the
presidency "ever used the power of his
office more openly or notoriously" to
secure a renomination, and continues:

Has Good Chance.
"But whether the president's great
victory was due to admiration for his
own qualities or to dissatisfaction
among democrats, he now has an op-
portunity that will not return. He has
announced that he will not be a can-
didate for reelection, and this announce-
ment not only relieves him of anxiety,
but it removes from him the blinding
influence of selfish ambition. Unless
he is restrained by obligations, con-
sciously or unconsciously incurred, he
can devote himself to the duties of his
office with an eye single to his position
in history."

Mr. Bryan then enumerates some of
the reforms with which he says Mr.
Roosevelt should signalize his reelec-
tion—a stand on the side of the people,
opposition to plutocracy and trusts,
more strict regulation of the railroads
and a change in policy toward the
Philippines. He concludes this dis-
cussion thus:

Indebted to Chance.
"He owes his first elevation to the
presidency to an unexpected event, the
murder of a president. He owes his
recent great victory largely to the er-
ror of democratic leaders. Others have
therefore given him the opportunity
which he coveted. How will he em-
ploy it? His place in history will de-
pend not upon what others have done
for him, but upon what he does for the
country. Let him read again the his-
tory of his country and note the differ-
ence between those presidents who
have befriended the masses and those
who have espoused the cause of the
privileged few."

Mr. Bryan also discusses the lesson
of the election as it affects democracy,
saying the rain has descended alike
upon the just and the unjust, and that
the members of the party must stand
or fall together.

Party in New Hands.
"Eight years ago," he says, "the dem-
ocratic party put its hand to the plow
and began the work of reform. De-
feat dampened the ardor of some in
1900, but still the party continued to
cultivate the seed sown in 1896. Again
the season was unpropitious, and by
1904 there were enough who were dis-
couraged to turn the party organiza-
tion over to those who had not been in
full sympathy with the party's pur-
pose."

"Those who had tried to prevent the
reorganization of the party went down
in the general wreck with those who
were conspicuous in leading the party
astray. If the penalty fell only upon
the guilty ones there would be less
care taken to put the party right and
keep it right. But when the whole
party must bear the blame for the ac-
tion of those who obtain control the
members of the party who desire to
make the organization effective in be-
half of reform are forced to be ever
upon the alert."

"Let the experience of 1904 be a
warning for the future. Let the work
of organization begin today, in order
that the party may regain at the first
opportunity the ground that has been
lost."

DRAINAGE DISTRICT IS SUED

Bureau County Farmers File Action
for \$241,000.

Sterling, Ill., Nov. 18.—Sixteen farm-
ers in Bureau county will file suit in
the Bureau circuit court against the
sanitary drainage district of Chicago
for \$241,000.

Defeat Salary Increase.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 18.—The Grand
Lodge of Illinois Odd Fellows, by a
vote of 371 yeas to 441 nays, defeated
a proposition to raise the salary of the
grand master from \$666.66 to \$1,000 a
year.